

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: claims 23, 25-26, 32, 34-37 and 40-46;
- Group II: claims 24-26, 32, 34-37 and 40-46;
- Group III: claim 28;
- Group IV: claim 29;
- Group V: claim 30; and
- Group VI: claims 47-52 and 54-57.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group II, with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that the subject matter of several of the claim groups is completely encompassed by other claim groups. For example, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 24 (of Group II) is generic to both claim 28 (of Group III) and claim 29 (of Group IV). Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that there is no basis for this restriction requirement.

Withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

SPECIES ELECTION

The Examiner also requires election of one of the following species:

- A. Stability sequence
- B. Dimerization sequence
- C. Targeting sequence
- D. Rescue sequence

Applicants hereby elect to the species of C. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 24-26, 32, 34-37 and 40-46.

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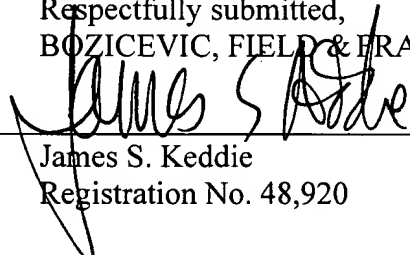
Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of withdrawn species claims upon allowance of a claim that encompasses the currently withdrawn species.

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SUMMARY

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number RIGL-004CON3.

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